

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/709,856	Applicant(s) NEWMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael J. Kyle	Art Unit 3677	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Michael J. Kyle. (3) Randall Schwartz.
 (2) Andrew Columbo. (4) Chuck Mah.

Date of Interview: 28 August 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 6, 11 and 17.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pharris.

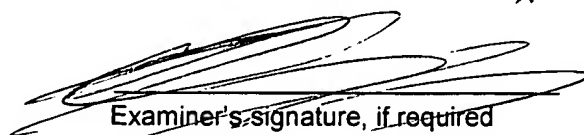
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representatives proposed amendments to claims 6, 11, and 17. It was agreed that amendments to claims 11 and 17 appear to overcome the Pharris reference. It was also agreed that further amendments to claim 6, to differentiate the tool connector from the locking mechanism would appear to overcome the Pharris reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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VIA FACSIMILE: (571) 273-7057
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RE: Application for U.S. Letters Patent
EXTENSION POLE WITH TOOL LOCK AND RETRACTION DAMPENER
Serial No.: 10/709,856
Filed: June 2, 2004
Inventor: DERÉ NEWMAN, et al.
Docket No.: 34714

Dear Mr. Kyle:

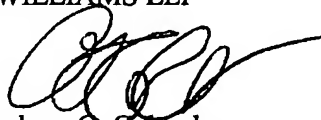
Pursuant to our telephone conversation of August 23, 2006, transmitted herewith are the proposed amendments to the claims. As you know, an interview for the above-referenced application is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Incidentally, my colleague, Randall Schwartz, will be joining us during the interview.

Should you have any questions, or if you do not receive all of the pages of this communication (4 pages including this sheet), please contact me today. Thank you in advance for your time.

Very truly yours,

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

6. (Currently Amended) An extension pole comprising:
an elongated pole section having one end thereof adapted for supporting any one of a number
of fixtures,
said one end including an outwardly projecting tool supporting and securing element,
said element including first and second threaded ~~portions;~~ portions; and
a ~~threadably mounted~~ locking member threadably disposed ~~about~~ on the first threaded
portion,
said second threaded portion operable for threadably receiving ~~a fixture~~ one of the fixtures,
said locking member operable for engaging an end of the fixture,
said threaded portions having thread pitches different from each other.

11. (Currently Amended) An extension pole, comprising:
an elongated, tubular outer pole section;
an elongated inner pole section telescopically received within said outer pole section and
shiftable relative thereto; and
a locking mechanism for locking said inner pole section at any one of the number of different
positions relative to said outer pole section,
said locking mechanism including –
an elongated, tubular collet cam disposed about and operatively coupled with said
outer pole section and having at least a pair of body sections and a
corresponding pair of axially projecting, resilient locking segments, each of
said segments having an elongated, axially extending connection portion and
having an unrestrained, axially extending margin remote from said

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connection portion, each of said segment margins being radially displaceable relative to the corresponding connection portion,
each of said segment margins being separated from the body section by a circumferentially extending slot so that the segment margins being are attached to the respective body section by the connection portion and cantilevered from the connection portion in a circumferential direction; and a chuck shiftably secured to said outer pole section and adjacent said collet cam, said chuck upon shifting thereof operable to inwardly displace said segment margins in order to lock said inner pole section relative to said outer pole section.

17. An extension pole presenting a longitudinal axis, said extension pole comprising:

- an elongated, tubular outer pole section;
- an elongated inner pole section telescopically received within said outer pole section and shiftably relative thereto; and
- a locking mechanism for locking said inner pole section at any one of the number of different positions relative to said outer pole section,
said locking mechanism including –
 - an elongated, tubular collet cam disposed about and operatively coupled with said outer pole section and having a pair of resilient locking segments, each of said segments having a region with an outwardly-facing surface,
 - said outwardly-facing surface presenting a radial outer dimension that progressively increases in a circumferential direction defined within a perpendicular cross-section relative to the axis; and

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a chuck shiftably secured to said outer pole section and adjacent said tubular collet cam, said chuck upon shifting thereof operable to displace said segments in order to lock said inner pole section relative to said outer pole section, said chuck rotationally mounted to said outer pole section and having inwardly-facing surfaces,

each of said inwardly-facing surfaces presenting each with a radial inner dimension that progressively increases in the circumferential direction,

said inwardly-facing surfaces being spaced adjacent to said segments for engaging said regions outwardly-facing surfaces and camming the segments into frictional locking engagement with said inner pole section as the chuck is rotated relative to the collet cam.

25. (New) The pole of claim 6,
said second threaded portion being located outward from the first threaded portion.